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FOR THE KINGS GRATIous Proclamation for the baniſhing *Papiſts*,

1 KING. 18, 2[illegible]

How long hault yee betweene two opinions? If the Lord be God, then follow him, if Baall, then follow him.

2 KING. 17. 24, 25.

And the King of Aſſyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthagh, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the Cities of Samaria, in ſtead of the Children of Iſrael, and they poſſeſſed Samaria, and dwelt in the Cities thereof.

And ſo it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the Lord: Therefore the Lord ſent Lyons among them, which ſlew ſome of them.

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I Confeſſe that Prayer is ſo forcible, that it openeth the gates of Heaven; and as you read, how the holy *Ghoſt* deſcended vpon the Apoſtles, in the forme of fiery tougues, ſo through the enforcement of Prayer, all bleſſings ſpirituall and temporall are let downe amongſt the children of God, like *Peters* ſheete. Who would not then aske to obtaine: ſeeke to finde: knocke to have it opened: and importune the father of mercy to have no denial, conſidering the Parable tells us, That the wicked Judge who neither feared God nor man, granted the widowes Petition to be delivered frō her clamors, and her troubleſome attendancy: and thus are wee beholding to our God.

But now, to make God beholding unto us, were a ſecret out of the Treaſure-houſe of heaven indeed, wherein I will be bold to tell you how you may be proficient, and invite you to wiſedomes ſchoole to learne a cunning, which the heart of the naturall man is uncapable of; and that is, to retribute thankes to

God, to give his glorious name the praiſe, to bee gratefull unto him, and to rejoyce in hymnes and ſpirituall Songs, when a benefit is imparted, and our ſoules are comforted.

What a ſtory is the ſtory of the *Iewes*, being delivered from *Hamans* cruelty and perſecution, for the purpoſe in hand. The Text ſaith; That they reſted the ſame day, and made it a day of feaſting and gladneſſe, a good day, and ſent portions and preſents one to another: but wherefore was all this? For ſaving their lives, and prevailing againſt their enemies.

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But, oh thou God of heaven! that rideſt vpon the wings of the wind, and holdeſt the reynes of the kingdomes of the world in thy hand, to let looſe or reſtraine at thy pleaſure. Thou knoweſt that we haue more cauſes to rejoyce and bee glad then the *Iewes*, in their *Purim*. For, if wee may compare the leſſe with the greater, they had but the preſervation of their bodies, and a ſlight tryumph againſt their corporall enemies, we are in the way to ſave our ſoules and put our ſpirituall adverſaries to flight, the *Fleſh*, the *World*, and the *Devill*

What? Papiſtry to be ſuppreſſed? The Prieſts and Ieſuites to be baniſhed? And the Goſpell of Ieſus Chriſt to flouriſh? My ſoule leapes for joy, and my heart is enditing a good matter, I ſpeake of the things which I haue made, touching the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Oh bleſſed be *GOD* for this alteration!

Pſalme 45.

Doth not *Ieremy* tell vs, that, *In Ramah there was a voyce heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachell weeping for her children, and would*

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not be comforted because they were not. Did not all *England* wring their hands for sorrow, and begin to mourne and be affrighted, when they saw the *Papists* so arrogantly mischievous, to insult in every towne and shire, and mocke us to our faces, as if *Sandolet* and *Tobiah* were to scoffe and deride the *Iewes*, when *Nehemiah* came to re-edifie the Temple? And hath not *God* put into the Kings heart to dam vp this inundation, and to keepe the raging Sea within limitation, that it doe not overflow the lower and fruitfull grounds.

Marke but the progression of businesse, tell it to your Children, and write it in the Phylacteries of your garments. Did not we determin some 16. years agoe to match with *Spaine*? And did not *Spaine* resolve to overmatch us in the contract? Did he not resemble an unmannerly and impudent guest, who invited to some neighbourly meeting, would not onely come himself, but brought a whole rablement of Cormorants with him, so *Spain* must not only condition for a daughter, but the *Papists* through the kingdome have liberty of Conscience, Masse in their houses, Priests within their doores, penalties remitted, and the Pursevants and Officers restrained from their privy searches, whereby the *Spanish* Ambassadour presumed on his meritorious service, & some Papists triumphed, as if the wiser sort knew they were in the right. And was not this a fearefull beginning, and who knowes with what strength the strong man would have encreased in keeping his possession: so have the *Papists* done within these 2. or 3. yeares, and insolently bragged of their great

forces, and impudently threatned the utter overthrow of us all, especially of our renowned City of *London*.

But was this all? No, no, the severall shiers of *England*, worse then the *Iewes* that poysoned the springs of sweet *water*, in these dayes had malitious instruments to corrupt the youth of the Countrey, and the *Priests*, *Iesuites* and *Fryers* ranne from house to house, and made them all amazed with crying out; *Great is Diana of the Ephesians*.

But now *Papistry* shall be suppressed, and the *Priests* and *Iesuites* banished. O blessed alteration! O blessed King! oh blessed Parliament! The *Ambassadours* houses were so many hives, to which the drones resorted, who not onely fed vpon the hony of the Bees, but presumed to kill and beate them away, which preserved them: Thus these unconstant people, not onely despised the Pastors of their own *Congregations*, and under protection of the *Prerogative* of Kings, railed on the Lord & his annointed: The Streets swarmed with ruffianly apparitions, *Priests* in disguised apparell, and *Iesuites* in Courtly vestments. And what did they? Not only watch the outward behaviour of men, and government of the City, but tooke advantage of the weake, carnall Gospeller, and set upon them with the outward glory of a visible Church.

The *Cathedrall* of *Paules* had her walkes mingled with a number of *peremptory* and audacious *Romanists*, who not onely branded us for lukewarmnesse and unjustifiable actions, but boasted both of and in their disputations, that they had put the true and learned

learned ſervants of *God* to ſilence, as if *Sidchiah* ſhould ſtrike *Machaiah* on the face, and peremptorily aske him, when the Spirit of God departed from him, to be infuſed into ſuch an underling.

The Court hath not onely every corner, but publike walkes filled with *Papiſts*, and *Hiſpaniolized temporiſers*. And what did they, appeare in ſeverall diſguiſed formes, and their corrupt hearts taught their tongues to vent forth blaſphemy, and notorious abuſes: For as you read how *Ieremy* was taken by his Enemies, and brought before the Princes and Prieſts, for weakning the hands of the men of warre, and danted their hearts that wiſhed well to the peace of *Sion*: So played theſe impoſturing ſpirits, charming all men with ſuch ſubtilties. What? the houſe of *Auſtria* to be checked, and the *Emperour* of *Germany* to be affronted?

What? *Spain* to be threatned with warre, and intruſions of hoſtility? Who is able to cover the *Vienna*, as *Xerxes* once did the *Helleſpont*, with a numberleſſe, and invincible Armado, to ſet upon the Iland of *Brittany* as a Conquerour, and to make *England* to tremble with the multitude of his forces, and yet dare you talke of warre and aſſiſting the Low-Countries? But now God be thanked, *Papiſtry* ſhall be ſuppreſſed, the Prieſts and Ieſuits baniſhed, and theſe mighty Buls of *Baſhan* either have their hornes ſawed off, or their chaps muſſled, and what an alteration is heere?

Oh let us then give thankes unto God, and confeſſe his mercy is beyond our apprehenſion, and his be-

benefits are an *Ocean* in comparison of our duty, or standing poole of deserving. And seeing the King is so gracious to looke upon us, like a faire moving Planet, in a conspicuous *Orbe*, from whose influence can proceed nothing but sweet presages: Seeing our Parliament is so religiously Honourable, to sound the foord of *Spaines* projects, and their countries hazard by collusion, and halting betweene two opinions; with the plummets of true Wisedome, and zeale to the Gospell of *Iesus Christ*: Seeing that they are so indulgent, and will not suffer either the wild Bore of the *Forrest* to trample downe the hedges; or little Foxes to destroy the *Grapes*, but are willing that *Iehojadas* filthy garments may be taken away, and a Crowne of pure Gold set upon his head, seeing the people are prepared to call and hasten one another to goe vp to the Temple of the Lord; and rather then *Ruben* shall rayse a heape of stones like an Altar, to put the people in feare of Idolatry, they are ready to arme with their brethren, and examine how the matter stands, let every man exhilarat himselfe, and cry out: *Why art thou cast downe O my soule, and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, he is the health of my countenance, and my God*: So then if *Papistry* shall be suppressed, the *Priests* and *Iesuites* banished, and our enemies, both Forraine and Domesticke over-reached: let *God* have the glory, the Prince the honour, the Parliament the commendation, the people the comfort, the Country the benefit, and every true hearted Christian sing *Io paan*, and *Epithalamions* to *Iehovah*.

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Marke the difference betweene flouriſhing Kingdomes through the bleſſing of reformation, and adviſe of good governours, and the fearefull diſtraction of Common-wealths, where *irreligion* and indirect courſes over-maiſter: While the ambition of *Athalia* was predominant over her affection, and drive her head-long to all obſcenity & tyranny, ſhe cõmitted idolatry, ſhe neglected the houſe of God, ſhe defiled the Altar, ſhe deſtroyed the ſeed royall, ſhe uſurped the Diadem, and diſturbed the peace of *Iuda* and *Iſrael*: But when *Iehoaſh* was miraculouſly preſerved and inſtructed by *Iehojada*: *Athalia* is ſlaine: *Iehoaſh* doth that which is right in the ſight of God, the *Prieſts* repaire the Temple, the Altars are cleanſed, the Common wealth reformed, and the whole Country reſetled in order; and was not this a great alteration?

In the ſtory of *Manaſſes*, and *Ammon* his Sonne, you ſhall finde theſe imputations of wickedneſſe caſt upon them by the holy Ghoſt: Hee did that which was evill in the ſight of the Lord, he lived after the abominations of the Heathen, he reared up Altars for *Baal*, he offered incenſe to the Hoſt of Heaven, he made his Sonnes paſſe through the fire, he uſed enchantments, obſerved times, and dealt with familiar ſpirits, and wrought much wickednes before the Lord: But when *Ioſiah* came to raigne, and was inſtructed how: he feared God, and lived uprightly, he cleanſed and repaired the Temple: he commanded the booke of God to be read, he rent his cloathes, as ſtrucken with compunction of

ſoule, he made a covenant with God to obſerve his teſtimonies, he put downe all the Offices of *Baal*, and the groves dedicated unto him : He ſlew his *Prieſts*, he ſolemnized the *Paſſeover*, and he performed the words of the Law, which were written in the Booke ; and was not this a great alteration ?

Thus it is betweene the government of *Spaine* and *England*, eſpecially the contrariety of Religion, and diverſity of ſerving God, betweene *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants* : the *Papiſts* both in *Spaine* and in *England*, commit blaſphemous idolatry, are polluted with inceſts and fornication ; *derogate from the honour of God*, to attribute adoration to creatures, pacifieth himſelfe in the *Labyrinth* of æquivocation : Diſſemble with God, their owne ſoules , and all that deale with them, care not by what meanes, or *treachery they compaſſe their owne ends*, deny Chriſts preſence in Heaven, a maine article of Faith, extenuate the power of the God-head , by allowing a deity to Creatures, and invocation to Divells. Firſt, they have made many Saints that are paſſed downe to Hell. Allow of *murther*, and monſtrous impiety: and in a word, are poyſoned with the dregs of abomination , wherewith the whore of *Babylon* hath filled her cup.

The true Proteſtant and zealous Chriſtian alloweth God the preheminence of all adoration, will by no meanes blaſpheme with idolatrous exorciſmes, deteſteth *whoredome*, and all inceſtuous *Leproſie*, defieth the participiation of Gods glory to *murther*, ſimply and plainly contriveth his affaires, and keepeth his word, though it be to his owne hinderance,

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intermeddles not with matters of ſtate, except he be called to place of eminency, is with *Anna* praying in the Temple, and continually rejoyceth in the converſation of Gods ſervants, and maketh the Church the ſanctuary of his ſoule, *in a word, is ruled by the directory of Gods word*, and neither dare abuſe the Majeſty of Princes by inter-jecting a Jealouſie and ſuſpition betweene the *Prince* and the *Subject*, nor runne away with the deceit of his owne heart, *in preſuming to be more holy then his brethren, or prejudging others either maliciouſly, or fooliſhly*. And is not this a great alteration? And is not this cauſe enough to induce us to thanke God, and acknowledge his mercy and kindneſſe, that our King and Parliament would goe and buy eye-ſalve without money, *perſpicuouſly to looke into the enormities of the Church and Common wealth*, and not onely with *Nehemiah*, to abridge the extreamity of uſury: compell a relaxation of debts and oppreſſion, keepe and ſanctifie the Sabbath, drive the Marchants and Sellers of meate out of the City, and at laſt put away their idolatrous wives: but alſo will not ſuffer the *Ammonites* and *Moabites* to come into Gods Temple, but enforce them to baniſhment out of *Ieruſalem*. For as you read how *Iacob* after his return from *Laban* cleanſed his houſe of the idols: ſo did *Nehemiah* in deſpite of *Eliaſhib* the *Prieſt*, who had allyed himſelfe to *Tobiah* a ſtranger and idolater, put him from his lodging, and caſt out all the ſnuffe out of his chamber, which in the text is likewiſe called cleanſing, and thus thankes be to God, our great *Ne-*

hemiah dealt with the Papists, he hath not onely thought them as prickes and thornes in the sides of good *Christians*: but now found them as noysome and infectious weedes in the Common wealth, to choake and eate up the sweete Flowers, and springing grasse; and thus hath the *Church* of God example enough in *Scripture* to be an enemy to Gods enemies, and fall to *reformation* with courage and magnanimity.

Shall such a man as I flye (saith *Nehemiah*) shall such a King as I (saith King *Charles*) that have been trayned up from my infancy to deny *Popery*, and suffer my Kingdome of *great Britaine*, the very *nursery* of zealous *professors*, and *mirrour* of purity and piety, to be defiled and contaminated with the poyson of superstition, and now I have recollected my self, shall I give way to rotten and filthy policy to eat upon the heart of true Religion, or suffer private ends to thicken themselves, like some obscure and dangerous cloud, to stand as an interposition betweene the Sunny splendor of Gods word, and the faire progresse of government? No, No: I will now be my selfe, and therefore if either the Pope, or *Spain* deride me with *Michol* for dancing before the Arke, and bringing it into Gods house: I will answere with *David*, I will yet bee more vile and zealous for the Lord, and as he told his wife; that therefore God had taken the Kingdome from her Father, and invested him with the Diadem: so may King *Charles* answer *Spain*, that therefore God will make him mighty in his Provinces, in despight of ma-

malignant oppoſition, and great *Britain* ſhall not be onely able to ſtand firme, like an impregnable Rock in all honor, riches, & proſperity: but of ſufficiency to protect diſtreſſed neighbours, and recover unfortunate and ſurrepted Provinces. Therefore away yee *Prieſts* and *Ieſuites*, packe hence for your lives; and let me not heare any further of your daring impoſtures, and you that will remaine Papiſts, and with the *Adder* ſtoppe your eares, that charme the *Charmer* never ſo cunningly, he ſhall not prevaile to remove you, take heed and be warned, that you live modeſtly in your wilfulneſſe, neither daring to breake our *Statutes* againſt thoſe Locuſts of *Rome*, nor to inſult your ſelves, or be offenſive to any civill converſation, by the wrong defence and ſupportation of *Romes* corrupted *Doctrine*. For I proteſt unto you by the faith of a Religious King, I take a pleaſure in hearing, what God ſaid to *Abraham*: For I know him, that he will command his children, and his houſhold after him, and they ſhall keepe the way of the Lord to doe juſtice and judgment, that the Lord may bring upon *Abraham* that which he hath ſpoken unto him: And therefore as I am Gods ſubſtitute in the ſupreame royalty, ſo will I be his inſtrument in the practiſe of this *Reformation*, neither ſuffring any Papiſt what ſoever, to have the uſe of Idolatrous maſſes, nor to bring up their owne children in the *Cimmerian* darkneſſe of ignorance, and diveliſh devotion: For the Apoſtle tells us plainely, that the tormenting of the body, worſhipping of Angels, obſerving of Dayes, and many fooliſh humiliations, likewiſe denying of lawful *marriage*, and

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forbidding of meates, and celebrating of ſuperſtitious times, are all the *doctrines* of the Divell: and is not this joy to *great Britaine*, and how are our hearts cheered, as you read of the *Iſraelites*, that in the time of *Salomon* rejoyced with one another, and made merry eating and drinking under their owne Vines?

Thus ſhall we ſee the backes of our *adverſaries*, and by Gods ſpeciall favour and grace the baniſhment of *Prieſts* and *Ieſuites*: But yee Magiſtrates of the Common wealth, let them not imitate the *Iſraelites* in this, to rob the *Egyptians* in their departure out of *Egypt?* Let them not export our treaſures, nor enrich other Countries with our ſpoyles: Let not your Ladies beſtow their jewels and ornaments upon them: For though they could be contented to love them with gratuities and preſents, yet muſt the Common wealth reſerve ſome ſecrets of State, not to be impoveriſhed by the laviſh gifts of thoſe, that underſtand not the Myſtery of carying wealth out of the Land, or conſuming our ſilver in trifles, let none of their houſes be furniſhed with thoſe remnants of gew-gawes, wherein the ancient idolaters excelled them in bedecking their idols, *I mean their medales, crucifixes, relickes of Saints, the Wood of the Croſſe, the milke of our Lady, and a thouſand ſuch like trumperies fit for nothing but toyes to play with all, as Apes doe with Nut ſhells:* For as you read how the children of *Iſrael* were tainted with the groſſe ſuperſtition of *Egypt*: ſo muſt needs the tender hearts of your women be captivated with the reſervation of theſe things: Let your Purſevants and Officers

a Gods name be the *reſearchers* of ſuſpected places, that the very children, which as yet, know no harm, may be ſent to the Schooles of the children of the Prophets, and by that meanes learne to live in the feare of God, and dye in his favour : Let the potent men be diſarmed a Gods name, not to give them cauſe to thinke the better of themſelves, as if they were to be feared, or reputed dangerous and politicke : but as you take knives and other hurtfull things from madde men to prevent miſchiefe, that they neyther endanger others, nor themſelves: In a word, *let all good orders be obſerved, and a faſhionable body of a religious Common wealth erected, that his Majeſties perſon may be ſecured, the Prince, and the reſt of that Royall iſſue protected and pleaſed*, the honeſt neighbours ſublevated with care and diligence, the whole Iland flouriſhing with proſperity and confidence, the poore releeved, the trades reſtored, the City repayred, the Marchant countenanced, the Souldiers eſteemed, the Clergy-man beloved, the well deſerving reverence, the weake ſupported, the obſtinate ſinner puniſhed, the offender through frailty remitted, and all juſtifiable actions practiſed to the glory of God, and comfort of our owne ſoules.

Then if there be cauſe of *warre*, and ſo ſucceſſe fallen, *Moſes* and *Iſraell* ſhall ſing a ſong of Tryumph to the Lord, and *Miriam* the Propheteſſe ſhall take a *Timbrell* in her hand, and all the women goe after her with *Timbrels* and Dances : Then if there be the flouriſhes of peace, and that *Salomon* hath

hath finiſhed the Temple of God, and his owne
1 King 8. 22. 9 houſe, he will preſent himſelfe before the *Lord*, and kneele to his *prayers*, ſpredding forth his hands toward Heaven: And then to conclude both in *warre* and peace ſhall *great Britaine* confeſſe to the *Lord*. What is man, that thou ſhouldſt thinke upon him, or the ſonne of man, that thou wilt remember him? And ſo praiſe the *Lord* in his Sanctuary, *and in the firmament of his power: praiſe him in his mighty acts, and according to the excellency of his greatneſſe, praiſe him for thinking upon vs, even in this particular of ſuppreſſing Papiſtry, and baniſhing the Prieſts and Jeſuites.*

I will meddle with no matter of State, nor adventure traducing for ſelfe love, or adviſing others wiſer then my ſelfe, but keepe cloſe to the ſhore of this one ſpeciall obſervation: *Let the adverſaries of Religion ſay what they can to accuſe a Proteſtant of one murther*, whereas God and the world knowes, that not onely the turbulencies of *Europe* have beene blowne up with *Popiſh breath, and ſufflation of Conſiſtorian Cardinals*: but the fearefull ſlaughters of *Princes* have beene audaciouſly proſecuted, eyther by *Friers* and *Prieſts*, or ſuch inſtruments, whom the peſtilent Ieſuites have ſeduced: what ſtate then in the world (*eſpecially our reformed Churches*) *if there were no other cauſe then this affrighting, would endure them in the government*, and therefore now this muſt needs be a happineſſe to *England*, that at this inſtant ſuch a mercy floweth towards us, as a *Proclamation* againſt them.

How *Geneva* hath continued, and groaned under the

the preſſure of many difficulties, yea, endured divers aſſaults of whole Armies, and volleies of ſhot, from the mounted Cannons againſt her; and yet was never any attempt made upon the Duke of *Savoy*, and her adveiſaries by her procurement, or ſuggeſtion, is well knowne to the world.

In all thoſe bloody maſſacres of *France*, and terrors of the civill *warres* there, what one miſchiefe was ever conceived againſt the perſons of their Kings, by any *Proteſtants*, and who but *Papiſts* durſt lay hands on the Lords Annoynted? In that fiery tryall in the dayes of Queene *Mary*, when the rages of Papiſts made them more furious, then a Beare robbed of her Whelpes: What one Proteſtant ſlipped out of the circle of obedience, to put her in ſuſpition of her life, yea it is well knowne, that the Proteſtants of *Suffolke*, advanced her to the Crowne though they were the firſt that felt the effect of her ingratitude. In all the troubles of *Germany*, and exactions upon the free Cities, how ſecurely did the *Emperours* goe on concerning their owne perſons, and when did you read of a Pope ſlaine, but as they poyſoned one another. I will name but one thing in the Low-Countries, and that is the pride and cruelty of the Duke of *Alva*; ſo that if ever an excuſe might have beene made for taking away a Tyrants life, it might here in ſome action or other, have received a juſtifiable forme, and yet *Alva* lived without touch, and practiſed all manner of wickedneſſe without controule: whereas on the contrary ſide in theſe Countries formerly mentioned, there hath bin

a rooo ſeverall murthers committed upon the bodies of publicke and private perſons, or at leaſt proſecuted with reſolution to be actuated upon advantage by Popiſh Prieſts, Ieſuites, and their Officials, and Miniſters: Is it not high time then to baniſh them our Common-wealth, or do as we have done (and ſo it ſhall be no new matter or deviſe of puniſhment) even hang them up at Tyborne, or detrude them into the houſe of ſlaughter, where Juſtice is predominant.

Marke for Gods ſake, marke the ſecrets of good husbandry, he that means to till and manure a woddy ground, muſt leave no ſtumps within touch, leſt he break his plow in the labour, and ſee freſh ſciences, as ſprigs to ſprout up to choake the Corne: the beſt way is to ſtocke up roote and tinde, and follow the picke-axe with a ſpade, that the ground may be throughly ſearched indeede; and ſo muſt *great Britaine* do with this brood of Vipers, eyther pull out their ſtings, or chap them in peeces: For ſo were the Prieſts of *Baal* ſerved at ſeverall times, and in ſeverall places by *Gedeon*, *Iohn*, *Elias*, *Ioſias*, and other good *Prieſts* and *Princes*: but ſeeing this good beginning of our gracious and judicious King, in quenching the ſmoake of theſe fire-brands, which in time would eyther have blinded our eyes, or put them cleane out, hath cheered our hearts, and powred the balme of *Gilead* into our wounds, let him have the glory of his owne handy-worke, and *great Britaine* the joy, and ſo both he, *Great Britaine*, and every true Chriſtian retribute all poſſible thankes to the ancient of dayes, whoſe haires are as white as wooll,

wooll, and dyes as a flame of fire; and to the voyce that commandeth us out of *Babylon*, left we be destroyed in her abominations: For *Babylon is fallen, is fallen that great City, because she made all the Nations drinke of the Wine of the wrath of her Fornication.*

FINIS.